

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A master information carrier includes a substrate having a pattern of protrusions and recesses corresponding to information to be transferred to a slave medium and a magnetic layer formed on the pattern of protrusions and recesses of the substrate. Further, an entire area of the magnetic layer on the pattern of protrusions and recesses is coated with a protective coating and a surface free energy of the protective coating is in a range of 57 mN/m - 69 mN/m. A DLC coating is preferable as the protective coating.